

**Request for Waiver  
CC Docket NO. 02-6**

I would like to make a request for a waiver. I missed the deadline window for filing the Form 471 application. I realize this waiver is usually for special circumstances and when it would serve the public interest.

When my original plans to file came up, I found that all of the information concerning my school district was not correct in several areas, one of them being the NCES. The National Center for Educational Statistics. Our district, through a state building program and local bond money, built new schools. This resulted in the closing of three buildings and moving into new ones, renovating another and changing a fifth to offices/preschool. I tried contacting my local state non-fiscal coordinator to get the information updated. I called and sent e-mails. I was told by the NCES person I contacted that it would take three weeks for them to get it to them.

In the mean time, I am the Technology Coordinator and everything else related to it in the district. We were having engineers come to install switches, network operating systems; I was patching wiring closets in, moving computers from storage to classrooms. Up-dating them to work over our network. And all of the other things a network takes, new accounts, logons, virus concerns, configurations. Since December it has been a zoo. I did not even attend the state technology convention, and worked through all vacations and many weekends trying to get things going for the staff, students and administration. This is my 37<sup>th</sup>. year, so I may be slowing down some. I even work on a teacher contract, so I put summers in myself.

Along the way some else in another district told me I should have just turned in last years information, which I did not feel was really being honest.

So I completely forgot about filing the forms, until I died when I realized it Friday. I have not slept since. We are a small school district, about 2500 students, with new schools, but not really much funding. I don't have a technology budget, but they buy what I need to a point. We receive about 74% funding Ohio Schoolnet helps with some equipment. Our local telephone company has a fiber loop around our town. So in preparation for the new equipment, we partnered with them to use their network locally and a T1 to our "A" site. (These are covered by a OneNet grant from Ohio.). They provided us the network at a fair cost and sort of us to learn also. I also wrote a grant for phones which we also run over our network through them. We entered into a contract with them through 2008. E-rate has provided us with \$57,498 for the telecommunications with this. If we do not receive funding for

this, I cannot see any way the district can pick up this cost. We are currently trying to pass an operating levy tomorrow. We would be able to connect only to our "A" site from one building. This would result in no connections between other building in the district and no phone service. We are very heavily dependent upon our network, but also in the community with the web page, in-services for staff and community courses. I'm not really sure how this will totally impact us.

It all sits on my shoulders right now. I have managed in the past to obtain every penny I could for our district. This is my first mistake and I would hate for it to be the cause of all we have been doing to stop or go backwards.

If there is any additional information I can provide please notify me.

Thank you for your consideration.

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